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SUBJ: SOVIET COMMENT ON CAMBODIA STIFFENS

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. IZVESTIA COMMENTARY BY ILYINSKIY ON AUGUST 11
GIVES PERCEPTIBLY WARMER APPRAISAL TO CAMBODIAN FUNK
THAN PREVIOUS SPARSE SOVIET COMMENTARY. WHILE IT
AVOIDS HEAD-ON CRITICISM ON LON NOL GOVERNMENT, IT
BERATES "REACTIONARY" FORCES IN PHNOM PENH AND
ASSERTS THAT FUNK IS "GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PEOPLE" OF CAMBODIA. MAGNITUDE OF US BOMBING IS
DESCRIBED, INCLUDING ALLUSION TO RECENT CASUALTIES
CAUSED BY BOMBING ERROR, BUT THERE IS NO MENTION OF
AUGUST 15 BOMBING HALT DEADLINE. HOWEVER, ILYINSKIY
SAYS MANY OBSERVERS ARE CONCLUDING THAT NEITHER BOMBING
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NOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE CAPABLE OF CHANGING SITUATION

"ON THE FRONT."

2. COMMENT: IN THIS COMMENT SOVIETS APPEAR FOR FIRST
TIME TO BE LAYING GROUNDWORK, ALBEIT TIMIDLY, FOR
ACCLAIMING FUNK TRIUMPH WHICH THEY EVIDENTLY JUDGE
NOT FAR OFF. ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK HAS IN PAST FEW WEEKS
EMERGED FROM HIS NON-PERSON STATUS IN SOVIET PRESS,
COMMENTARY AVOIDS TOUCHY QUESTION OF HOW HE FITS INTO
KHMER PICTURE.
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